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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by: (VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAXES AND DISABLED VETERANS OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 12-129b of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 3 October 1, 2016, and applicable to assessment years commencing on and after
- 4 October 1, 2016):
- 5 (b) The tax on the real property for which the benefits under this
- 6 section are claimed shall be calculated by multiplying the assessed
- 7 value, less one thousand dollars, or, if the taxpayer is a veteran with a
- 8 <u>disability rating by the Veterans' Administration of the United States</u>
- 9 amounting to ten per cent or more of total disability, less three
- 10 thousand dollars of said property for the year 1966 or for any
- 11 subsequent year in which the taxpayer first files and has approved a
- 12 claim under this section and section 12-129c, by the applicable mill rate
- 13 of that year for the general property tax, exclusive of any special tax
- 14 levy, except that, if such property is located in more than one town, the
- 15 tax payable to the town of the taxpayer's voting residence shall be so
- 16 calculated and the tax payable to the other town or towns in which

17 such property is located shall be calculated by multiplying the 18 assessed value of said property for the year 1968 or for any subsequent 19 year in which a taxpayer first files and has approved a claim under this 20 section and section 12-129c by the applicable mill rate of such general 21 property tax of that year. If title to real property is recorded in the 22 name of the person or the spouse making a claim and qualifying under 23 said sections and any other person or persons, the claimant hereunder 24 shall be entitled to pay the claimant's fractional share of the tax on such 25 property calculated in accordance with the provisions of this section, 26 and such other person or persons shall pay the person's or persons' 27 fractional share of the tax without regard for the provisions of said sections. Any municipality may, upon approval of its legislative body, 28 29 provide that any taxpayer who, as a veteran, is entitled to the 30 exemption from property tax applicable to the assessed value of 31 property of three thousand dollars, as provided in this subsection, 32 shall be entitled to an additional exemption from such tax in an 33 amount in excess of three thousand dollars of such assessed value as 34 determined by such municipality. For the purposes of this section, a 35 "mobile manufactured home", as defined in section 12-63a, shall be 36 deemed to be real property.

- Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 12-129p of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* October 1, 2016, and applicable to assessment years commencing on and after October 1, 2016):
- 41 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 12-129b to 12-129d, 42 inclusive, as amended by this act, if the amount of tax benefit 43 calculated in accordance with said sections and provided thereunder 44 for any homeowner qualified for the program of tax relief under said 45 sections, except for any veteran who has a disability rating by the 46 Veterans' Administration of the United States amounting to ten per cent or more of total disability, is equivalent to two thousand dollars or 47 48 more in the assessment year commencing October 1, 1985, such benefit 49 shall not, in any subsequent assessment year exceed the amount of

50 such benefit to which such homeowner was entitled for said 51 assessment year commencing October 1, 1985, and additionally, if the 52 amount of such tax benefit for any homeowner so qualified, except for any veteran who has a disability rating by the Veterans' 53 54 Administration of the United States amounting to ten per cent or more 55 of total disability, is less than two thousand dollars in the assessment 56 year commencing October 1, 1985, the amount of such homeowner's 57 benefit shall not, in any subsequent assessment year, exceed two 58 thousand dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016, and applicable to assessment years commencing on and after October 1, 2016	12-129b(b)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2016, and applicable to assessment years commencing on and after October 1, 2016	12-129p(a)

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